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[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/56/989)*]

## 56/292. The concept of strategic deployment stocks and its implementation

*The General Assembly*,

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General on the concept of strategic deployment stocks and its implementation[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take fully into consideration the provisions of its resolution 55/247 of 12 April 2001 on procurement reform in the implementation of the present resolution;

2. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to report on an annual basis to the General Assembly on the award of contracts for procurement for the strategic deployment stocks to all Member States, in particular to developing, least developed and African countries and countries with economies in transition;

3. *Endorses* the concept and implementation of the strategic deployment stocks for one complex mission;

4. *Also endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

5. *Approves* 141,546,000 United States dollars for the strategic deployment stocks, taking into account the reserve at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, as at 30 April 2002 that meets the requirements of the strategic deployment stocks;

6. *Decides*, subject to the provisions contained in paragraph 7 below, to credit Member States with their respective share of the cash balance of 95,978,945 dollars from the United Nations Protection Force, the United Nations Confidence Restoration Operation in Croatia, the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force and the United Nations Peace Forces headquarters and 45,567,055 dollars from the United Nations Mission in Haiti to fund the strategic deployment stocks;

[1] A/56/870.
[2] A/56/902.

7. *Decides also*, on an exceptional and ad hoc basis and without prejudice to Article 17 of the Charter of the United Nations, unless notified otherwise by a Member State within forty-five days of the issuance of the notification by the Secretary-General of the apportionment of the respective shares of the cash balances in the accounts referred to in paragraph 6 above, to effect the transfer of the cash balances referred to in that paragraph to the account of the United Nations Logistics Base for the purpose of financing the strategic deployment stocks;

8. *Decides further*, on an exceptional and ad hoc basis and without prejudice to Article 17 of the Charter, that a Member State that does not select the option referred to in paragraph 7 above will be assessed its respective share of the 141,546,000 dollars as a one-time requirement according to the levels as at 1 July 2002, as set out in General Assembly resolution 55/235 of 23 December 2000, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolution 55/236 of the same date, taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 2002, as set out in its resolution 55/5 B also of the same date, payment to be made in a manner of the Member State's choosing, to include any combination of the cash balances referred to above and/or new funds, to cover its assessed share of 141,546,000 dollars;

9. *Decides*, on an exceptional basis, that in the absence of a direct transfer to the strategic deployment stocks, the respective share of the credits from the liquidated missions will be credited to those Member States once their assessed contribution is received;

10. *Decides also* that the provisions of paragraph 8 above will also apply to Member States that have no share in any of the unencumbered balances referred to in paragraph 6 above;

11. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General, on an exceptional and ad hoc basis, following the application of cash transfers by Member States in accordance with paragraphs 7 and 8 above, to transfer a portion of the interest income from the Peacekeeping Reserve Fund, taking into account the provisions of General Assembly resolution 51/218 E of 17 June 1997, so as to make available to the account of the United Nations Logistics Base a total of 141,546,000 dollars, inclusive of contributions from Member States, to establish the strategic deployment stock programme;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session on the expenses incurred in the implementation of the strategic deployment stocks, and decides to review the financing arrangements after consideration of the report of the Secretary-General;

13. *Endorses* the recommendation contained in paragraph 23 of the report of the Advisory Committee[2] pertaining to the scope of the start-up phase of peacekeeping operations that includes the implementation of the strategic deployment stocks stockpile;

14. *Also endorses* the replenishment policy set out in paragraphs 24 to 27 of the report of the Secretary-General;[1]

15. *Further endorses* the interpretation by the Advisory Committee of General Assembly resolution 49/233 A of 23 December 1994, as outlined in paragraphs 22 to 25 of its report;[2]

16. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly all expenses incurred on the activation of the strategic deployment stocks and to propose a course of action to be taken by the Assembly on the financing of

peacekeeping expenses, in the event the Security Council does not approve the mandate to establish a peacekeeping operation that has been initiated under the commitment authority;

17. *Regrets* the delay in the liquidation of closed peacekeeping missions and the reimbursement of the respective shares to the Member States;

18. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the expeditious liquidation of closed peacekeeping missions and the crediting of Member States following the liquidation of such missions and to submit a report thereon to the General Assembly at its resumed fifty-seventh session;

19. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to report to it on an annual basis on the implementation of the strategic deployment stocks within the context of his report on the United Nations Logistics Base.

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